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Police arrest suspected Līhu'e burglar; property owners urged to take precautions

LIHUE – Police have arrested the man they believe is responsible for multiple break-ins that have occurred in Līhu'e this week.

Keoki Carvalho, age 25, of Līhu'e, was arrested Wednesday evening on suspicion of three counts of second-degree burglary.

On Wednesday morning, police responded to a burglary complaint at Honsador Lumber, located on Wilcox Road in Līhu'e. At the time, detectives were also investigating two other break-ins that occurred earlier in the week at the Kaua'i War Memorial Convention Hall on Hardy Street and at All Kaua'i Bail Bonds on Oihana Street.

Property crime detectives continued to follow up on leads and analyze evidence, which led them to identify Carvalho as the suspect involved in all three break-ins.

Shortly after 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Carvalho was located near the Nāwiliwili Small Boat Harbor and arrested. He remains in police custody in lieu of \$15,000 bail.

Police continue to investigate several other break-ins that have occurred in the Līhu'e area in recent weeks. KPD is encouraging the community to be vigilant.

“While we are hopeful that this arrest will reduce the property crimes that have been occurring in Līhu‘e, we are asking the community to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to police immediately,” stated Deputy Police Chief Michael Contrades.

KPD also offers property owners these crime prevention tips:

- Keep doors and entryways locked at all times.
- Trim shrubs and hedges around your property so burglars don't have a place to hide.
- Install motion detection lighting around dark exterior areas, walkways, and doorways.
- If you can afford it, install a security system.
- Be aware of anyone who might be casing your property for a future break-in.

The Kaua'i Police Department also offers property owners a checklist to assess if a home or business is properly secured. To download the free checklist, go to www.kauai.gov/police and click on the 'Community Relations' tab.

Anyone with information on this or other crimes is urged to call Police Dispatch at 241-1711. Those wishing to remain anonymous can call CrimeStoppers at 246-8300.



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